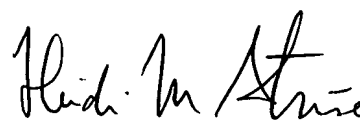


U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER BY0027P
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TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD OF EVALUATING COMPOUND EFFICACIOUS IN TREATING OBESITY		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hidehito Kotani, Hiraku Itadani, Hiromitsu Araki, Kazuhiko Suwa, Nao Odagiri, Tsutomu Kobayashi		
<b>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</b>		
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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee.....\$300				\$300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0 All other situations.....\$200				\$200.00	
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